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**UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this United States Patent Application and all papers noted herein as being attached, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 today, **January 9, 2001**, and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

Inventors (or application identifier): **Pierre Jean François Layrolle, Klaas de Groot, Joost Dick de Bruijn, and Clemens A. van Blitterswijk**

Title of Invention: **METHOD FOR COATING MEDICAL IMPLANTS**

- ☒ Continuation  
☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application no. 09/351,518, filed July 12, 1999.

1. ☒ Specification 29 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 10 claims (2 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:  
☒ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)  
☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)  
☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)  
☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)  
☒ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. ☒ 9 Distinct sheets of ☒ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/351,518, filed July 12, 1999.--

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5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449  
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment  
☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached  
☒ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: IsoTis B.V., Bilthoven, NETHERLANDS.
7. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
EP	98203085.0	15 Sept.1998 (15-09-98)

8. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
US	09/351,518	12 July 1999 (12-07-99)

9. ☐ Priority document(s)
10. ☐ Small Entity Statement  
☒ Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired  
☐ is attached  
☐ is no longer claimed
11. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
12. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
☐ Computer Readable Copy  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

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13. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$710.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	0	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	270.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$710.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$355.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$355.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$355.00</b>

14. PAYMENT is:

- ☐ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check.
- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
- ☒ A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18.

15. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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Date: January 9, 2001

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Enclosures